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# SWORDFISHERMAN IS RAMMED BY TRAWLER

## N. S. Fish News

### Loading Salt Mackerel.

Capt. Pitts is loading barrels of salt mackerel on his vessel at Har-nish's fish wharf, Halifax, N. S. These are all to be inspected at St. John, N. B., before being sold proba-bly to West Indies market.

### Takes Place of Industry.

Fishing is at a standstill, at Shag Harbor, N. S., as men are at work on the roads, which at present, is more remunerative than codfishing. One boat was recently out and only se-cured 150 pounds of fish, owing to the large school of dog fish that has invaded our coast, and which is a great hindrance to the fishing. Some herring could be taken if there was a good market for them.

### Sees Improvement.

Improvement in the fish business is now apparent, due to the firmer position of the pound and the present optimistic outlook in the United States. A. H. Brittain, president of the Maritime National Fish Compa-ny, Ltd., said on his arrival in Hal-ifax Sunday. He declared that the pickled fish business also was on the up-grade and that those who put out quality products would secure higher prices than last year.

### Lutzen Arrives.

Bringing a shipment of fish and other cargo, the steamer Lutzen reached Halifax Saturday from St. John's. The Lutzen has established a new steamer freight service be-tween Halifax and the Old Colony. The craft docked at Pier 27 to dis-charge and will load general cargo to return to St. John's.

### Porto Rico Letter.

Arrivals of fishstuffs since our last Circular 12th inst. were as follows: Str. Borinquen from New York. At San Juan, 30 tces pollock. The supply on hand has been re-duced considerably due to continued light receipts and as shipments on the way are small, we look forward to an improvement in values in the near future.

We quote today about as follows on usual "net ex-wharf duty paid" basis and for strictly superior quality:

Large codfish—\$22 to \$22.50 per cask of 448 pounds net.

Small and medium cod, (Labrador to Lunenburg)—\$19 to \$20 per cask of 448 pounds net.

Pollock (American) — \$20.50 to \$21.50 per cask of 448 pounds net.

Haddock—\$17 to \$18 per cask of 448 pounds net.

Hake—\$15 to \$16 per cask of 448 pounds net.

Split herring—\$5.50 to \$6 per bar-rel of 200 pounds.

Bloaters 90 to 150 count—70 cents to 75 cents per box of 18 pounds.—Reported by S. Ramirez & Co.

## Sch. Virginia R. Sent to Bottom Sunday Night During Fog---Skipper and Crew Safe and Landed at Boston

The Provincetown swordfishing sch. Virginia R., Capt. L. J. Wallace was run down and sunk on the northern end of Georges Sunday evening by the Boston beam trawler Newton. All hands were saved and later transferred from the Newton to the beam trawler Maine and landed at Boston this morning.

The accident happened during a thick blanket of fog which enveloped the banks Sunday afternoon and evening. The Vir-ginia R. was laying to, when suddenly out of the dungeon loomed the Newton and crashed into the schooner's port side, aft of the forerigging, opening up a huge hole in the little fisherman.

Immediately the Virginia R. commenced to settle and sink, so quickly, that skipper and crew had barely time to escape with their lives. They were taken on board the Newton and afterwards transferred to the Maine which was bound home, arriving at the Boston fish pier during the night.

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### N. S. Pickled Fish.

New grocery herring are now be-ing offered. The quality is quite good, but the demand is not very brisk, and the catch is likely to be small. Furthermore the merchandis-ing of herring and in fact quite a few other lines of fish has changed considerably since the advent of the motor trucks. Formerly the bulk of fish products was cleared through Halifax and the large centres throughout the Province, but the last few years the trucks are picking up fish at the producing points and dis-tributing to the retailers throughout the Province, and in some places di-rect to the consumer. Prices are reasonable—\$4 ex boat.

Pickled mackerel is the chief topic of conversation these days on the waterfront. The catch of Spring 3's is a little below last season, but the catch of early summer fish is very heavy. The catch around St. Mar-garet's Bay reminds the old-timers of the big catches that used to be taken years ago, but in those days the American market absorbed the most of them, whereas in recent years the demand in that market has practically disappeared and the American fishermen have been pro-ducing ample supplies. The con-sumption throughout the West Indies is about normal, but there is suf-ficient large fish to take care of their requirements; consequently the mar-keting of the early summer fish, which are mostly medium in size, is going to be quite a problem. Low prices are ruling. Large fish today are selling at \$3.75 and mediums at \$2.50, but buyers are not aggressive.—Maritime Merchant.

### Portland Receipts.

Nearly 67,000 pounds of mackerel were landed at Portland Wednesday from three seiners. The Natalie B. had 35,000 pounds, Capt. Charles Gillin's small boat landed 20,000 pounds and the Eliza Clark 12,000 pounds. Groundfish fares were land-ed from six vessels. They were the Virginia and Mary, 8000 pounds; the Laconia and the Pofisco, 4000 pounds each; the Onward and the Elizabeth B. 3000 pounds each; and the Mary C., 2500 pounds.

### Codfishing Reported Good.

Reports from the shore fishermen of Mosher's Harbor and LaHave Is-lands, state that codfishing has been very good the past two weeks, in the vicinity of Ironbound Island and Cape LaHave. Herring are plentiful for bait, and considerable mackerel have been taken in the nets lately. Hal-ibut are scarce in shore, very few be-ing caught last week. Dogfish are not interfering very much with in-shore fishing, but the larger boats fishing offshore, are finding them very plentiful.

### Going Saltfishing.

The small auxiliary schooner Baby Grand, after fitting out at LaHave, has sailed on a salt fishing trip, in command of Capt. Robert Schmeis-ser.

The shortage of fish has started Hall & Murray to making hake fil-lets for the market, and they find there is a demand for them. These two young men opened their fish business right in the thick of hard times, and have kept their chins up, despite conditions. They deserve a big hand for their grit and sportsman-ship. They're the sort of chaps who will run a good race on any track.



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### Large Catches of Tuna Fish.

Large numbers of tuna fish have been taken in the past few weeks at North West Cove, N. S. One trap operated by Miller & Verge has taken 115 to date, which have been packed and iced and sent to Boston and New York markets. Another successful fisherman was Lionel Boutilier of Mill Cove. With dart and line he captured 49 tunas to date.

Herring and squid have made their appearance in the bay. Trawl and line fishing are at a standstill. Dogfish are a great hindrance for this branch of fishing.

Sch. Bessessmer, Capt. Himmelman, of Lunenburg, has taken a baiting of mackerel and sailed for the banks.

### N. S. Dried Fish Markets.

The report from the codfishery on the north shore of New Brunswick and the Gaspé coast for the present season is slightly better than at this date last year. The big advance in sterling, too, improves the chance for higher prices, perhaps \$4.50 per quintal for No. 1. Their market is mainly in Italy. But this price isn't high enough unless there is an increase of a third in the catch over last year.

There are no definite reports from the Lunenburg fleet now on the banks, except that they are experiencing rough weather. There is still, however, time for them to make a good summer catch.

Newfoundland shipments to Porto Rico are falling off, but so too is Porto Rico consumption. Porto Rico prices today are down to \$2 per quintal for Lunenburg cure and \$1.50 for sloop Labrador. The drop in Newfoundland shipments, however, may for the moment be regarded as a hopeful sign.

An advance in price is reported in some of the European producing markets, due to a long spell of bad fish curing weather in Iceland. Iceland at present it is said has 150,000 quintals more fish on hand than at this time last year, but in the meantime it can't be sold and Norway and other countries are profiting by the delay.

The Oporto market continues in bad shape as a result of heavy arrivals from Newfoundland. The Naples market, however, is comparatively firm and with only temporary supplies. Arrivals from Gaspé will relieve the shortage.

Talking with an exporter this week about Lunenburg's prospects in Porto Rico this year, he said they would depend on Newfoundland and that it was difficult to learn here what Newfoundland is doing in preparation for this year's catch of sloop Labrador. Having lost so much money last year, one might expect reduced operations this year, but on the other hand if the fishermen are willing to go have they any other choice, and if they can't find a market in the Mediterranean where else than Porto Rico is there for them to go? The situation boiled down is this. Newfoundland goes to Porto Rico because her selling markets are invaded by Iceland and Iceland in competition with Great Britain's trawler-caught catch and other catches has to find a market wherever she can. One might suggest that the solution of the trouble would be for Europe to do away with trawlers entirely. But if she did there would be no supply of fresh fish for England and England must have a steady and large supply of fresh fish. Great Britain's exports of dried fish (nominally 600,000 quintals) per annum are about one-half the by-product of her fresh fish trade; the other half she buys from neighbors in the fishing industry.—Maritime Merchant.

### N. S. Lobsters.

The revival in the local demand for lobsters as soon as the shortage in the catch was ascertained has enabled those who held their stocks unsold until this month to secure higher prices for their packs, says the Halifax Maritime Merchant.

At the opening prices sales were fairly good and large quantities contracted for in Europe and America so that some operators found themselves short of supplies to complete their earlier deliveries, and were forced to pay more than they had

## RECEIPTS AGAIN LIGHT TODAY

### TWO SEINERS LANDED 13,000 MACKEREL—SMALL FARES GROUNDFISH.

Only 20,000 pounds of fresh fish was landed in this port since yesterday, the most of which was from the two seiners, Grace A. and Little Paolina, which had a total of 13,000 pounds of mackerel.

#### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Grace A., seining, 7000 lbs. mackerel.  
Little Paolina, seining, 6000 lbs. mackerel.  
C. A. Meister, gill netting, 1100 lbs. cod.  
E-500, gill netting, 400 lbs. cod.  
C-6696, trawling, 400 lbs. cod.  
Total small boat, 5000 lbs. mixed fish.

Antonina via Boston.  
Eleanor via Boston.  
St. Providenza I., via Boston.  
Carlo and Vence via Boston.  
Salvatore via Boston.  
Serafina II. via Boston.  
Marietta and Mary via Boston.  
Dacia via Boston.  
Shirley M. Clattenberg via Boston.  
Portugal via Boston.  
Little Joe, via Boston.  
Elvira Gaspar, via Boston.

#### Sailed.

Hilda Viola (British), Grand Manan, N. B.  
Natale II., seining.  
Uncle Sam, seining.  
Hoop-la, seining.  
Sebastiana, C., seining.  
Orion, seining.  
Alden, seining.  
Salvatore and Rosalie, seining.  
Old Glory, seining.

### TIMES FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Large salt trawl cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.50.

Large cusk, \$1.50; medium, \$1.

Hake, \$1.

Fish not gilled, large cod, 20 cents less; medium cod, 15 cents less.

#### Splitting Prices.

Large fresh cod, \$1.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1; snappers, 50 cents.

Haddock, 50 cents.

Hake, 60 cents.

Pollock, 50 cents.

Large cusk, 75 cents; medium, 50 cents.

### Portland Sworders Arrive.

Three swordfishing schooners returned to Portland Wednesday after their second trip to Georges with a total of 79 fish. With only 12 fish in her pens, the little schooner Annie Louise, smallest of the fleet, was towed into port by the sch. Alice M. Doughty, which landed 50 fish. From a spot between Georges Bank and Brown's Bank, where on July 18 her gasoline engine was crippled by a broken crankshaft while she was picking up a dory, the Annie Louise sailed 170 miles to Cashes' Bank where, 70 miles from home, she was overhauled by the Alice M. Doughty and towed into port.

Capt. Ellsworth "Sam" Doughty, skipper of the Annie Louise, started her for home at 5.30 p. m., July 18, under sail, but made only three miles during the night and less than 10 miles the next day. The following day an engine of a swordfisherman was heard and the Annie Louise was found to be back with the fleet. Fair wind thereafter drove the little vessel slowly toward home until Capt. Albert Smith overtook her with the Alice M. Doughty and brought her to Portland. But the small fare landed will not pay expenses of the trip to say nothing of paying for repairs to the engine.

The third schooner to arrive Wednesday, the Fannie Belle, Capt. Eddie Armstrong, also reported very hard luck on her second trip and landed only 17 fish. Considerable fog hampered the vessel, Capt. Armstrong reported, and all varieties of bad luck were experienced when the fish were plentiful. Seven fish were caught the first day out and then in more than two weeks after that only 10 were added to the pens.

The sch. Richard J. Nunan, Capt. Fred Bickford, which landed 53 fish at Boston, Tuesday, returned to port Wednesday to fit out for her second trip.

## SWORDFISH IS LOWER TODAY

### TWENTY-FOUR ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER—RECEIPTS ARE FAIR.

Receipts at the Boston fish pier this morning totalled 400,000 pounds of groundfish, 365 swordfish, 46,500 pounds of fresh mackerel, 2100 pounds of butterfish and 140,000 pounds of mixed fish. There were 24 arrivals. Six of them were swordfish, three seiners and the rest had ground and mixed fish. Haddock was a little stronger but other groundfish prices held about the same as yesterday. Swordfish price took another drop to 10 and 13 cents.

Yesterday 50 barrels and 50 kegs of mackerel were received from overland points and 17 swordfish came on the Yarmouth boat.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Mildred Silva, 55 swordfish.  
Mary D'Eon, 99 swordfish.  
Paolina, 97 swordfish.  
Marise, 19 swordfish.  
Malvina B., 23 swordfish.  
Hazel M. Jackson, 72 swordfish.  
Salvator, 17,000 mackerel.  
Angie and Vence, 15,000 mackerel.  
Fannie F. Hickey, 13,000 mackerel.  
Six netters, 1500 mackerel, 2100 butterfish.  
Str. Harvard, 36,000 haddock, 44,000 cod, 21,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Trimount, 50,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 23,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Foam, 46,000 haddock, 37,000 cod, 24,000 mixed fish.  
Rainbow, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 19,000 mixed fish.  
Philip P. Manta, 17,000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 3000 mixed fish.  
Teazer, 40,000 cod, 1600 mixed fish.  
Imperator, 21,000 haddock, 44,000 cod, 23,000 mixed fish.  
St. Providenza II., 6000 mixed fish.  
Lawrence Scola, 7000 mixed fish.  
Arthur and Matthew, 6500 mixed fish.

Leonardo, 2700 mixed fish.  
Maria Guiseppi, 1000 mixed fish.  
Isabella, 1400 mixed fish.  
Josephine F., 1500 mixed fish.  
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$1.50; pollock, \$1.25; cusk, \$1.50; gray sole, 2½ cents per pound; lemon sole, 2 to 3 cents; black backs, ½ to 2 cents; yellow tails, 1½ cents; small mackerel, 2½ cents; large mackerel, 5 cents; sharks, 1½ to 2 cents; catfish, 2½ cents; swordfish, 10 to 13 cents.

## STEAMER PICKS UP "LAME DUCK"

A broken connecting rod of the engine rendered the fishing dragger Famiglia helpless when she was five miles South of Nauset yesterday, and the captain of the steamer Glen White, passing on the way from Norfolk, sent a wireless to the Coast Guard of the vessel's predicament. The cutter Acushnet, only a few miles away, was ordered to proceed to assistance of the dragger. At 1.30 p. m. she arrived alongside, sent a line on board and towed the fishing craft around the cape and across the bay to Finns Ledge, where she arrived at 10 o'clock last night.

The Famiglia dropped anchor and this morning was brought into the upper harbor. The Famiglia, of 45 tons gross and 68.5 feet long, carries a crew of six, and is owned by Salvatore Passenesi, 31 South Margin street.

## LOCAL FISHERMAN TOWED TO HALIFAX

The Gloucester fishing schooner Ruth and Margaret was towed into Halifax yesterday by the customs ship Preventor after losing her propeller off the Nova Scotia coast.

The schooner did not carry enough sail to make shore by nightfall.